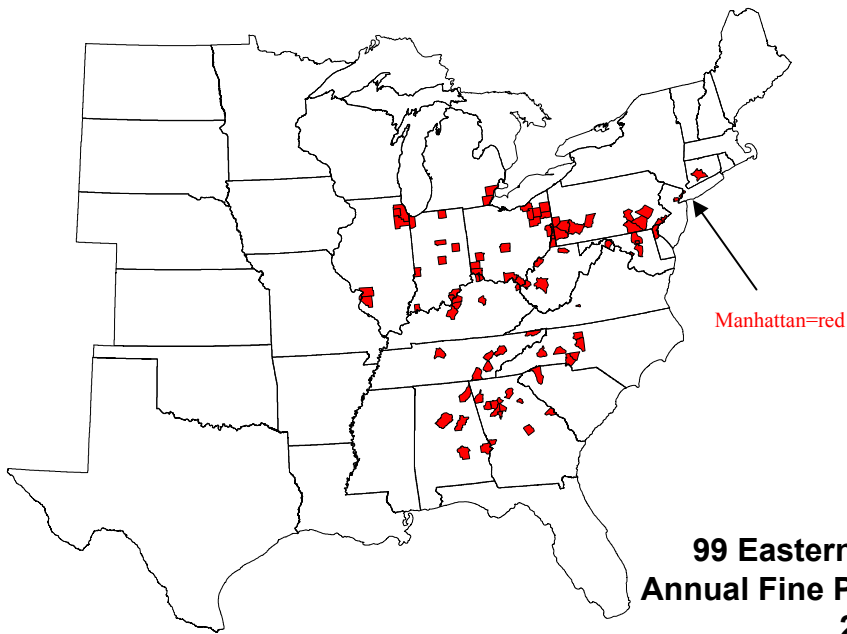


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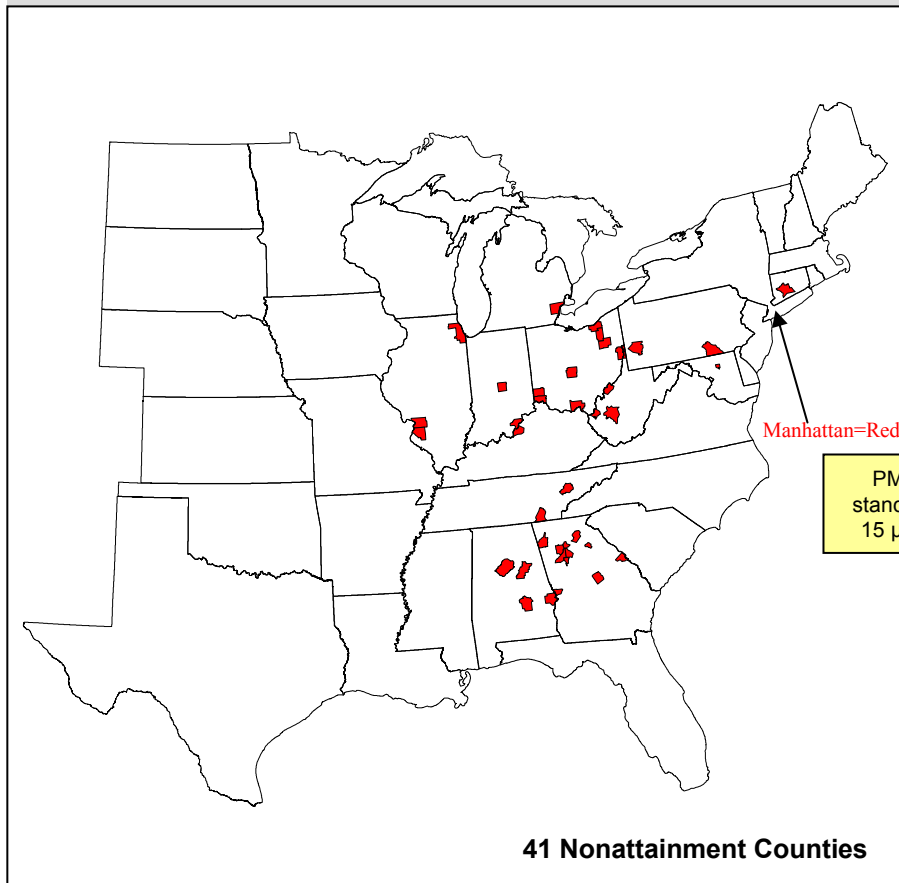


**Remaining 13 Eastern Counties Likely to Exceed the Annual Fine Particle Standard with Interstate Air Quality Rule 2015**

PM2.5 standard = 15  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

# Interstate Air Quality Rule Helps States by Bringing More Areas into Attainment with the PM<sub>2.5</sub> Standard by 2015

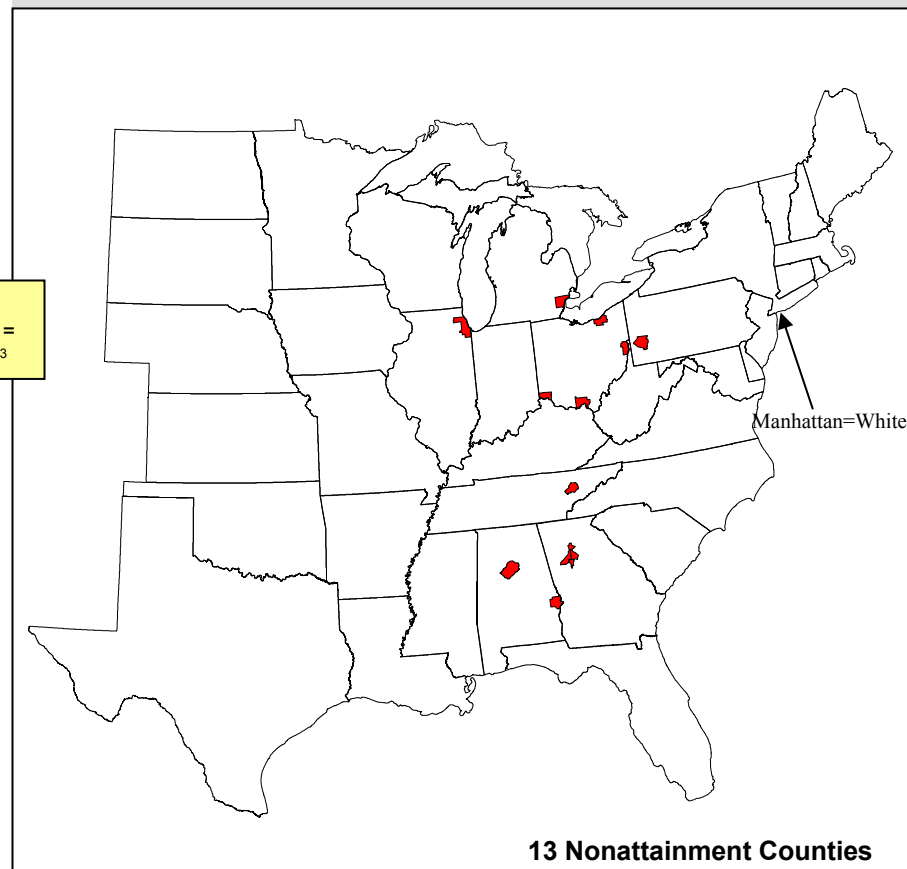
## Remaining Counties Likely to Exceed the Annual Fine Particle Standard under the Base Case in 2015



## PM<sub>2.5</sub> attainment status in 2015 Interstate Air Quality Rule case:

- The Interstate Air Quality Rule would bring 28 additional eastern counties into attainment with the fine particle standard (as compared to the Base Case).

## Remaining Counties Likely to Exceed the Annual Fine Particle Standard with Interstate Air Quality Rule in 2015



## PM<sub>2.5</sub> attainment status in 2015 base case:

- Existing programs will bring 58 eastern counties into attainment with the fine particle standard (compared to current conditions).

**Notes:** Based on 1999-2001 and 2000-2002 data of counties with monitors that have three years of complete data. Additional federal and state programs must bring all counties into attainment by 2016 at the latest. The Interstate Air Quality rule is not expected to bring additional counties into attainment for 2015 in the West. Therefore, the western region is not presented here.